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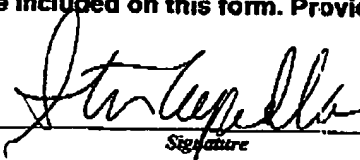
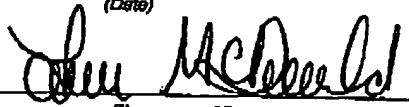
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Re Applic of	Hendrik F. Hamann, et al.
Docket No.	FIS920020166US1
Serial No.	10/604,487
Filing Date	7/25/03
Attorney	Steve Capella

Attached: **Amendment**
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Applicant(s): Hendrik F. Hamann, et al.					FIS920020166US1	
Application No. 10/604,487	Filing Date 7/25/03	Examiner Maureen G. Arancibia	Customer No. 32074	Group Art Unit 1763	Confirmation No. 1486	
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Group Art Unit 1763

<u>In re application of</u>	:	June 30, 2005
Hendrik F. Hamann et al.	:	Examiner: Maureen G. Arancibia
Serial No. : 10/604,487	:	
Filed: July 25, 2003	:	IBM Corporation
	:	Dept. 18G/Bldg, 300-482
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF	:	2070 Route 52
ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE	:	Hopewell Junction, NY
AREA	:	12533-6531

Amendment

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The following amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated March 30, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.